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Larry,

This correspondence is to acknowledge and approve the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians October 2015 – September 2019 Tribal Environmental Agreement (TEA). The TEA (also known as EPA-Tribal Environmental Plan (ETEP)) fulfills the requirement of the *Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Guidance on the Award and Management of General Assistance Agreements for Tribes and Intertribal Consortia* dated May 15, 2013 (GAP Guidance). As stated in the GAP Guidance, the purpose of a TEA/ETEP is:

“...to develop the complete picture of the particular environmental issues facing the tribe, establish a shared understanding of the issues the tribe will be working on, and a shared understanding of those issues that EPA will address consistent with its responsibility to protect human health and the environment ... ensure GAP work plans are developed to support the long-term priorities and goals of the tribe and that funds are directed toward building environmental program capacities. EPA considers this jointly-developed plan an important component of effective GAP resource management.”

The GAP guidance further states that the TEA/ETEP is a “living document” to be used as a management tool by EPA and the Tribe. I would like to thank you and your staff for efforts to complete the TEA. We look forward to working with you to meet the tribal priorities outlined in the TEA.

-Casey

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